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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 127 (k) *bis*, 136 (b), 102 (l) and (m), 103 (c), 110 (a) *bis*, 120 (b), 121 (b), 122 (a) *bis* and 133 (b), 133 (b) *bis*, of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 127 (k) *bis* was deleted;

(b) Paragraph 136 (b) was deleted;

(c) In paragraph 102 (l), the brackets and bolding were removed from the text;

(d) Paragraph 102 (m) was amended to read as follows:

"Take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and girls by any person, organization or enterprise;"

(e) Paragraph 103 (c) was amended to read as follows:

"Establish legislation and/or strengthen appropriate mechanisms to handle criminal matters relating to all forms of domestic violence, including

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marital rape and sexual abuse of women and girls, and ensure that such cases are brought to justice swiftly;"

(f) A new subparagraph was inserted following paragraph 103 (i), which read as follows:

"Approve and promote a holistic approach to combat violence against women during all their life cycle and circumstances;"

(g) A new subparagraph was inserted following paragraph 106 (a), which read as follows:

"Adapt environmental and agricultural policies and mechanisms, when necessary, to incorporate a gender perspective, and in cooperation with civil society, support farmers, particularly women farmers and those living in rural areas, with education and training programmes;"

(h) Paragraph 110 (a) *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"Undertake socio-economic policies that promote sustainable development and support and ensure poverty eradication programmes, especially for women, by, *inter alia*, providing skills training, equal access to and control over resources, finance, credit, including micro-credit, information and technology, and equal access to markets to benefit women of all ages, in particular those living in poverty and marginalized women, including rural women, indigenous women and female-headed households;

(i) Paragraph 120 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Support non-governmental organizations, especially women's organizations, to build their capacity to advocate for, implement, assess and follow up the Platform for Action;"

(j) Paragraph 121 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Ensure that all United Nations personnel and officials at Headquarters and in the field, especially in field operations, receive training in order to mainstream a gender perspective in their work, including gender impact analysis, and ensure appropriate follow-up to such training;"

(k) Paragraph 122 (a) *bis* was replaced by the following text:

"Invite the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, other relevant United Nations agencies, within their respective mandates, and other relevant humanitarian organizations as well as Governments to continue to provide adequate support to countries hosting large numbers of refugees and those with displaced persons, in their efforts to provide protection and assistance, paying particular attention to the needs of refugees and other displaced women and children;"

(l) Paragraph 133 (b) was replaced by the following text:

"Take measures through, *inter alia*, supporting and strengthening existing mechanisms entrusted with prosecuting perpetrators of violations of the human rights of women, to eliminate impunity;

(m) A new subparagraph was inserted following paragraph 133 (b), which read as follows:

"Take measures to eliminate violations of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Many of these violations have a negative impact on the promotion and protection of the human rights of women".